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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 15, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 14.